

## STATEHOOD FIGHTERS.

Strong Delegation From the Territories  
New at Washington.

A special dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, from Washington, D. C., dated December 12, says:

Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona are represented in Washington by strong delegations of citizens, who are here to urge favorable action by the senate on the omnibus statehood bill. Officials, business men and attorneys from each of the territories are here with the intention of staying until the contest is settled, and bringing every possible pressure to bear upon the senators to secure the passage of the bill which will add three states to the flag. The Oklahoma delegation consists of Sidney Clarke, of Oklahoma City; Horace Speed, United States district attorney; U. C. Guss, president of a bank at Guthrie; Judge Frank Dale, W. H. Merton, F. H. Greer, Joseph McNeal and C. E. Billingsley, bankers, and T. J. Lowe and H. E. Asp, attorneys. These gentlemen are working industriously to counteract the impression that the people of Oklahoma will favor a bill granting statehood to Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state. "Oklahoma does not want to come in with the Indian Territory," said Horace Speed tonight, "and the Indian Territory does not want to come in as a part of Oklahoma. Oklahomaans, who have the interests of their territory at heart, want the omnibus bill passed."

The Oklahomaans assert that the Beveridge bill embodies every feature urged by the democrats in their campaign in the territory.

Included in the delegation that favors the Beveridge bill, admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state, are: C. Bates, of Oklahoma City; W. H. Cassel, of Wagoner; William Johnston, of Bartlesville; I. T. E. N. Ratcliff, of Vinitia, I. T.; George Cook, of Oklahoma City; J. L. Cheatham, of Bristol, I. T.; James Long, of Wetumka, I. T.; T. H. Allen and J. H. Lovett, of Coweta, I. T., and others.

The New Mexicans are here in force and called upon President Roosevelt today. The members of the party who visited the white house were Delegate B. B. Rodey; L. Bradford Prince, ex-governor of the territory; Benj. S. Baker, judge of the federal court for New Mexico; C. M. Forsaker, United States marshal and brother of Senator Forsaker; Thomas Hughes, editor of the Albuquerque Citizen; F. A. Hubbell, school superintendent of Bernalillo county; T. S. Hubbell, sheriff of Bernalillo county; O. E. Cromwell, capitalist; O. N. Marron, democratic territorial committeeman; F. W. Clancy, district attorney for Bernalillo county; J. Leahy, attorney of Raton; F. Forness, deputy sheriff of Bernalillo county; E. V. Chavez, attorney of Albuquerque; B. Bibo and S. Bibo, merchants of Laguna; C. A. Spies and O. A. Larrasolo, attorneys of Las Vegas.

The president talked with the delegation for a few minutes on statehood matters. He was noncommittal, much to the disappointment of the New Mexico visitors, and refused to indicate what action, if any, he would take in the contest that is now pending in the senate. "The report has been circulated," said a member of the delegation, "that the president gave us to understand that he was opposed to the admission of New Mexico at this time. Such is not the case. Our impression is that he will keep hands off in the fight before the senate. We expect him to do that and we do not believe he will do otherwise. Of course, we hoped he would openly champion our cause."

The president is very busily engrossed just now in matters of national and international importance, and it is presumed and generally understood, does not desire or intend to become involved in any way in the statehood controversy. So far as can be ascertained, there is no change in the statehood situation. Senator Quay and the advocates of the statehood bill still express the greatest confidence in the final passage of the bill and apparently have the votes to accomplish that object if the matter is pressed to final consideration in the senate. At the same time, opposition to legislation is strong among some of the leading republican senators and every effort will be made to prevent action upon the bill at this session.

### Meeting of Real Estate Men.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 12.—The Nebraska Real Estate Dealers' association in annual session here devoted this forenoon to discussions concerning home-owners and investment. A leading feature of the afternoon session was an interesting address by H. M. Bushnell, of Lincoln, who took as his subject, "How a Commercial Club Can Advance the Interests of Its City." Later in the afternoon the visitors were taken through the Union Pacific shops.

### Indian Murderer Killed.

Word has been received at Phoenix that Males, one of the most blood-thirsty redskins Arizona has ever known, was killed Saturday near Argyle Bend, near which place two victims recently fell before his inherent hatred of the palefaces. He sought to make other redskins to violence against the whites, and sed when he learned that officers were after him, Sheriff Truman and Ed Carruthers followed the quarry over the desert trails and rocks, where the Indian cunningly discarded his bow, concealing his trail. A gunshot whistled past the sheriff's head as the two suddenly drew into a thicket, and bullets followed. Males fell with two bullets in his heart. Among the latest victims of Males was Charles Walsh, a well known settler, whom the In-

dians assaulted at his ranch a month ago, subsequently burning the hacienda.

## CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT.

Held Wednesday Night at Public Library Building and Much Enjoyed.

Everyone was pleased and delighted with the evening of rare musical entertainment afforded them by the Choral society of the University of New Mexico, under the direction of Prof. John Douglas Walker in the hall of the school of music last night.

The singing of the chorus, which was the most prominent part of the program, was highly appreciated by the audience of music lovers. The rendering of "The Heavens are Falling" was a very pleasing number and was sung with a harmony and beautiful blending of the voices of the chorus of forty voices that showed careful study and preparation. Four numbers were sung by the chorus, all of which pleased the audience decidedly, and spoke in high terms of the ability of the faculty.

A number of the program which held the attention and made a most favorable impression was the duo, the first movement of Schumann's concerto in "a" minor, done by Mrs. Mabel Stevens Himoe and Edward Grunfeld. The hearty applause of the audience showed that a musical performance of this nature was more than appreciated. Mr. Grunfeld so seldom uses his talents as a pianist in public that the music lovers never tire of his clever playing.

Robert Blair, by his mastery of the violin, showed he was a favorite among the lovers of the stringed instrument. "Legende," by Wienawski, was the number which pleased all.

Miss Florence S. Chapin, in her usual charming manner of delivery, held the close attention of the audience with her reading, "How Parson Whitely and Deacon Tubman Kept New Year's Day."

Professor Walker scored a success, not alone in his solos, but his direction of the chorus. "The Creole Lovers' Song" was well rendered by Prof. Walker, and his "Land of the Leal" was a notable number. Those who once have heard Mr. Walker's voice are always delighted of another opportunity. Mr. Walker was assisted by the faculty of the school, Mrs. John Douglas Walker, and Edward Grunfeld.

The success achieved by the faculty of the new department of the university in their first concert was very encouraging, and the audience showed intelligent appreciation. Prof. W. G. Tipton made a short address, giving the history of the choral society. One interesting point was that the first concert was given on the anniversary of the death of Miss Mary E. Gilmore, who originated the idea of a department of music of the university.

## POLICE COURT.

A Couple of Saloon Rows on North Third Street.

A row in the midway saloon was the star attraction in Justice Crawford's court this morning.

A couple of well colored gentlemen began to give each other a few love taps, which ended in knockout blows. Neither were professional hitters but a few of the punches counted, as one of the contestants carried a lovely eye. The court fined them \$5 apiece for disturbing the peace.

A saloon row of several days standing was brought up in police court this morning. It was all news to the police and warrants were sworn out for the arrest of the hard hitters. Daniel Apodaca, a young native, was pounded up in fine style and kicked around over the floor in the saloon of P. Badaracco, on the corner of North Third street and Tijeras avenue. The Badaracco and the bartender, Thomas, are charged with being the chief promoters and victors in the fight, and they will appear in court and tell their stories. Apodaca is said to be in a critical condition, which made it necessary to summon a physician to attend his injuries. His right eye is swollen so that it is impossible for him to see out of it. At first it was thought he would lose the sight, but from the latest report the injury is not considered serious. The peculiar part of the affair is that the matter was not reported to the police until it was found Apodaca was injured so bad that he could not leave his bed.

The case is set for tomorrow morning.

## UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Some Good Items About a Fine Territorial Institution.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Harding, of San Francisco, gave an instructive lecture at assembly hour on our "National House of Representatives." He vividly pictured the troubles and disappointments of a newly elected member who tried to gain fame by introducing and securing the passage of pet bills. He explained why oratory and debate are not used in the house; why the work is practically done by the various committees, the vast influence of the speaker and the chairmen on the various committees and the necessity of the present "log" rules to enable the house to do business. He also pointed out some characteristic differences between the house of representatives and the house of commons.

President Tipton and Professors Weinsir and Magnusson are very busy these days preparing their respective papers for the meeting at Las Vegas of the New Mexico Academy of Science.

Pupils wishing to spend their vacation out of Albuquerque can secure

holiday rates of half fare, commencing on December 19 and good to January 5, by having proper credentials signed by the president of the university.

## A MINING STORY.

How Messrs. Hall, Learnard, Kemp and Blondin Got Interested.

One night, just about a year ago, Thomas Hall and George Learnard, the music men, and a number of other gentlemen, among them Dick Kemp and J. A. Blondin, were sitting around a blazing fire in the cozy office of Hall & Learnard's music store, and talked of old times, of riches gained in business, and finally of wealth made in mining.

Dick Kemp, who used to be proprietor of the red hotel at the little town of Thornton, when things were booming up at Bland, and a well crowded stage left Thornton every day for the mining camp and returned bringing with it large numbers of precious bars of gold from the Albemarle mill, told the little gathering that up on the Sandias, near the little straggling town of Las Placitas, were strong indications of copper.

Mr. Blondin, who also had had more or less experience in mining in New Mexico and other parts of the country, vouched for what Dick Kemp said, and stated that he would bet the best burro that ever carried a pack that copper could be found for the digging on the Sandia mountains. The two miners made things look so good that Messrs. Hall and Learnard, who are industrious young business men, and like all other young men who come west in quest of wealth, accepted a proposition to furnish funds to investigate the stories of fabulous wealth in copper stored in the Sandias, told by the miners, and agreed to furnish funds to do the prospecting.

The next day found Dick Kemp and Joe Blondin, with well packed burros, striding out for that point of the Sandias standing farthest out to the northwest and directly above the little town of Bernalillo. The miners were lost to the world for several months. Finally one day a train from the north brought Dick Kemp to town and Hall and Learnard the news that ore had been found.

After a few days buying supplies and visiting city friends the miner again returned to the mountains and was again lost to the world for another period of several months.

What occurred in the little mining camp on the hill has never been told, and probably never will, for the miner finally turns up again with the gratifying news that the ledge is widening.

But not until last week were the prospectors sure that they had found the real mother vein.

Mr. Kemp's latest report is that they have struck a six foot vein of rich copper ore that will pan out well and that it is well defined.

Messrs. Hall and Learnard may realize their dreams of wealth of one night a year ago.

Mr. Learnard expects to view the property next week himself.

## NEW MINING DISTRICT.

It Is Located on the Proposed Santa Fe Cut Off.

Since the Santa Fe short-cut has proven to be a reality, the Caracito mining district has attracted the attention of many prospectors and capitalists. The district lies about sixty miles south of Albuquerque and about thirty miles east of Belen. This region is rich in ore and romance, for there are found many evidences of the early Spanish prospectors, who mined the ore in their primitive way.

If the tale which tradition tells is true, of the wealth extracted from this district, then by modern methods there must be a fortune for the prospectors who are now busily engaged in this region laying out claims.

W. D. Vaughan, of Philadelphia, Pa., and L. W. Newberry, of Hartford, Conn., who represent eastern capitalists, have returned to the city after about a month of prospecting in this district. They said that the news of the proposed railroad has caused a great many prospectors to visit the Caracito district.

They stated many claims and have options on many good mining properties. Many claims have been staked but are not being worked at present, but everything favors a boom as soon as the railroad is started. The short cut will pass through this district, which will not only increase the value of the claims, but will start operations and bring many people into this rich ore region.

There are many reasons why the Caracito district has never been worked. Principally because the region has been too far from the railroads to operate on an extensive scale, and there has been difficulty in obtaining supplies. But these difficulties will all be removed when the new railroad is run through, and the facilities for extensive operations will be as great as any of the districts in the territory. New Mexico has always been held among the miners and prospectors as a "yellow dog," but they have come to realize that New Mexico has plenty of hidden wealth and with improved modern facilities and mining methods, there will be little trouble in developing the mines.

The ore in the Caracito district will run from 12 to 15 per cent copper, and the percentage of silver will be large enough to pay for the smelting.

Messrs. Vaughan and Newberry will leave for their claims in a few days with a load of supplies. They expect to remain permanently and develop the claims they have bought and extend their operations. They report that since the new road has been as-

sured a mining spirit prevails and everyone is getting ready for what they believe will be a boom.

## LAS VEGAS.

From the Record.

The plumbers were busily engaged today in repairing damaged water pipes.

Ben Weiffer, the well known traveling man, spent the day calling on our merchants.

Antonio Castillo left for Las Cuevas where he goes to take charge of the Long and Rosenwald ranches.

D. H. Weir is a new arrival here from Indianapolis. He came to install and start the engines of the street railway company.

James Lowe, the fireman at the electric light plant, fell from a ladder recently and sustained several severe bruises.

Some of our citizens seem to be a little slow in regard to shoveling the snow off their walks. There is danger of getting a severe fall on some of them.

Letters of administration were granted Amanda Padia de Marquez in the estate of her husband, who was the man accidentally killed recently at Chapelle.

James Leonard and Charley Leavitts came down from Trout Springs and returned in the afternoon. They said it was 14 degrees below zero up there.

The Agua Pura company has 150 men employed cleaning snow off the ice on its ponds in the canyon, and is making arrangements to increase the force to 300 as soon as ice cutting commences.

A number of east side society folks were out in a four horse sleigh, with sleigh bells, cow bells and all the necessary adjuncts to a first class sleigh ride. The welkin rang with their merry shouts until a late hour.

Rev. Father George Julliard, of Gallup, who had been visiting friends here for a few days left for Watrous. His sermon in the east side Catholic church last Sunday was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. He spoke on the Immaculate Conception and the virgin of Guadalupe.

Rosa Littlell has filed a suit for divorce against her husband, Samuel E. Littlell, alleging abandonment and non-support. She asks for the custody of their only child and alimony for the support of herself and child. Both parties are residents of Colfax county.

A family by the name of Gilbert, residing on Eighth street, came near having a serious accident this morning. The water pipes in the kitchen range froze during the night, and when a fire was started in the stove this morning they promptly exploded, completely demolishing the stove and playing havoc with the kitchen. No one was in the room at the time of the explosion, consequently there were no fatalities to chronicle.

From the Optic.

The will of the late Miguel Segura has been approved by the probate court.

Margarita Esquivel, the 9 year old daughter of Juan Esquivel, is dead of diphtheria out at Tecolote.

Miss Maggie Bucher has been appointed to succeed Rev. Geo. Selby on the county examining board for teachers.

Mrs. J. O. Sherman, who had been indisposed for some days, was on duty again this morning at the Imperial restaurant.

Perry Union, the second hand man, is indulging himself in a hunt after big game, William Bloomfield having charge of his establishment during his absence.

J. Minium bought of Hfeld's, the Plaza, 3,000 pounds of hides and pelts, the purchase of which had been in debate for some days between this town and Albuquerque.

An effort is being made to dismiss Miss Francisquita Sena as a teacher in school district No. 4, west side, but at last accounts she was still holding the fort and expected to draw her salary as usual.

Final report has been made in the probate court on the estate of the late Rev. Father J. H. Defouri and the administrators discharged in the persons of Rev. J. A. Reyherolle, of Santa Fe, and Fred Desmarais, of the west side.

Mrs. Louise E. Schmidt, administratrix of the estate of her late husband, A. C. Schmidt, has given bond in the sum of \$27,148, with the following named sureties: Dr. J. M. Cunningham, H. W. Kelly, J. A. Dick, W. G. Haydon, Julius Graaf and W. H. Chupp, the same having been approved by the probate court.

## A DRENCHED HOME.

Water Has Ruined Almost Everything at Judge Baker's Residence.

The cold freezing nights have caused trouble of a serious nature in Judge Baker's residence on Twelfth street, while Judge and Mrs. Baker are in Washington.

Last night about 11 o'clock, as Frank H. Strong and A. B. McGaffey were passing the judge's residence on the way to their homes, their attention was attracted by the sound of running and dripping water. Upon closer investigation they found water running down the side of the house from the second story, immediately they sought H. H. Tilton, owner of the house, and related to him the mysterious flow of water around the judge's residence.

He gave them permission to break in and ascertain the trouble. They were soon inside and found things from the bath room to the cellar in a deplorable state of affairs. The dining room, which was the first room they entered, was covered with about three inches of water, the walls were soaked through and the plastering was drop-

ping off in large cakes. The furniture and carpets were ruined. They saw that the whole house would be a wreck if the flow of water was not stopped soon. Wending their way to the bath room they found the water pipes under the wash basin had been burst and a good sized stream was flowing from the leak. The turn off could be found no where in the room, and finally they went to the cellar in a hurry, only to be greeted with three feet of water. But a little water did not dampen their purpose. Wading around in the water, which reached above their knees, the nocturnal heroes soon stopped the flowing of the destroying fluid.

Judge and Mrs. Baker have been in Washington for the past two weeks, the house having been closed during their absence.

It is thought that the leak could not have occurred more than a couple of days ago at the most. Over 2,000 gallons of water had escaped and marred the beauty of the pleasant home.

The work of repairing the wreck will be commenced at once.

## THE NEWSBOYS.

They Will Eat Turkey Christmas Day at Graham's Restaurant.

The newsboys of Albuquerque will feast with Graham Brothers on Christmas day.

The newsboys of this city are not of the ragged and homeless kind, which are seen in alarming numbers in the large cities, but have homes and dress as do other boys. Being endowed with the comforts of life does not make it impossible for them to enjoy a fine dinner, the generous gift of a newsboys' friend.

Turkey and cranberries, brown potatoes, plum pudding and all those good things, which tastes good from the time the eyes rest on it until it reaches that bottomless pit, known as a boy's stomach, will be spread in the Graham Brothers' restaurant in the rear of the Railroad avenue bar.

Every newsboy in the city, carrier and peddler, is invited to feast at the newsboys' Christmas banquet, but they must have recognition cards from the managers of the daily newspaper offices of the city.

This is second time that the Graham Brothers have feasted the newsboys. Last year, their first Christmas in business in Albuquerque, the newsboys were also their guests.

## IT WAS A SUCCESS.

The Entertainment Given at St. Mary's New Hall.

The large, beautiful St. Mary's new school hall was dedicated last night with a musical and specialty program, which was highly appreciated by those present.

Prof. Di Mauro's orchestra rendered some very beautiful selections. Miss Florence S. Chapin delighted those who love clever reciting in her rendering of "Mr. Travers' First Hunt," by Richard Harding Davis.

Harry McKay, in his impersonation of a colored guy made a hit. His jokes were timely and appropriate. Several sketches written by himself were well delivered.

Mrs. T. J. Shinkick and Miss Anita Armijo appeared in a vocal duet. The audience showed their appreciation by hearty applause.

The piano solo by Miss Nellie Taylor was a pleasing number.

Clever and laughable specialties were by Messrs. John Oliphant and Wm. E. Grimmer.

In the second part of the program musical numbers predominated and were heartily received.

Dr. Eugene W. Baltes, a well known baritone, scored a success in his first appearance before an Albuquerque audience. Mr. Baltes displays evidence of thorough training. His voice is rich and full of volume, which instantly won favor with the lovers of artistic work.

The cornet solo by Andrea Mayowas a feature of merit. Mr. Mayo proved himself to be master of the popular instrument.

Ethan Allen Hunt touched many a heart by his rendering of the sweet old Scotch melody "Tow Gently Sweet Afton."

The flute trio was received with enthusiastic appreciation by the audience. Dr. W. N. Macbeth, C. E. Burg and E. W. Baltes, who composed the trio, are all accomplished in the art of rendering good music.

The new hall is a most delightful place for entertainment and musicales and the institution has every reason to feel proud of it. The opening entertainment was certainly a credit to the society. The seating capacity is about 500. The stage is elevated to a height where everyone can see the performance without dodging from side to side. The public are pleased with a hall so elegantly finished and comfortable.

## ALAMOGORDO-DEMING.

Towns to Be Connected by the California Short Line Railway.

Another railroad is projected for New Mexico and its construction will be of particular benefit to Las Cruces, and will make it one of the most important towns in the southern part of the territory. It is the California Short Line railway of New Mexico, and was incorporated at the territorial capital yesterday.

The road will extend from Alamogordo, through Otero, Dona Ana and Luna counties, to Deming, an estimated distance of 126 miles. The road will thus make connection with the El Paso & Northwestern at Alamogordo and with the El Paso & Southwestern at Deming, giving the Rock Island system a shorter trans-continental route than it has at present.

The Rock Island now operates over the Southern Pacific by way of El Paso and this cut off will be shorter than the present route by seventy-five miles for trans-continental trains. The country through which it will pass will be easy of construction, with light grades, except through the Organ pass, where there will be heavy cuts and much rock blasting. The road will pass through the rich black mountain and Organ mining districts which, although still greatly undeveloped, have shown good gold and copper ores.

The new road will pass through Las Cruces and will cross the Santa Fe railway there. This will make Las Cruces a much more important point and will undoubtedly add to its prosperity and growth.

The capital stock of the road is \$1,250,000.

The survey of the line has been completed.

The incorporators of the company are William G. Crenshaw, Jr., and Thomas P. Foy, of New York; S. Dabney Crenshaw, Thomas Armstrong and Lewis D. Aylett, of Richmond, Va., and Richard L. Young and George W. Frenzer, of Las Cruces.

The principal office will be at Las Cruces, and of the amount of capital stock \$2,000 has been paid to the treasurer, Thomas Armstrong, of Richmond, Va.

## JOHN WICKSTROM DEAD.

The Well Known Character, Once Wealthy, Yields Up His Life.

John Wickstrom, better known as "Swede John," died this morning at his room in old town.

He was about 49 years of age and his life while here was of a very interesting character.

John spent the larger part of his life in Albuquerque, being very prosperous and successful until his memory failed him several years ago.

In the early days he worked as a section man on the railroad. He dropped into Albuquerque one day and began playing poker. His first winnings resulted from his setting in the game. From that time on he became a typical character around town and his wealth increased until he was worth from \$75,000 to \$100,000. But he dropped his wealth in the same manner he obtained it.

In Los Angeles he was known as "King Swede." The papers of that city on several occasions have had long stories of his visits there, relating his adventures and the easy way in which he spent his money.

His mental derangement became hopeless and his fortune gone, he was placed under the care of the county authorities until he could be sent to the asylum at Las Vegas.

Everyone in the city knew of "Swede John" and his fascinating life, which was short at its best, and his death removes the most interesting character that ever frequented the streets and gambling houses of the city. He was placed under the care of the county authorities about four months ago. His mind became a total blank and he was unable to properly care for himself.

His friends in the city will take charge of the remains and see that the once active and popular man receives a good burial. Arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed.

His wife, who secured a divorce from him a few years ago, is now residing with her son in Chicago. Before the complete wreck of her husband she secured enough out of his fortune to keep her and her son in comfortable circumstances for many years to come.

## SCHOOL EXERCISES.

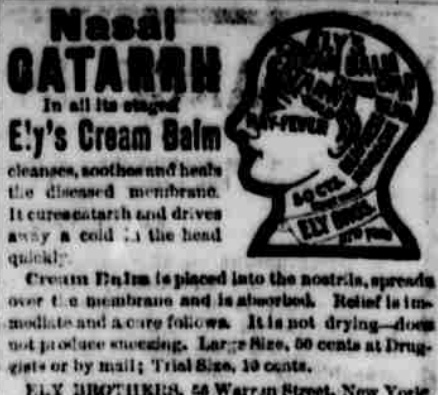
How Christmas Was Observed at City Schools.

Today, at noon, all work in the public schools ceased until after the holiday recess. This afternoon exercises befitting the season were held in all the rooms. The usually plain blackboards were resplendent with drawings and quotations which told only too well, even to the most pessimistic visitor, of the joy and gladness that was abroad in the Albuquerque schools this afternoon. "Peace on earth and good will to men" reigned everywhere. Even Old Sol could not resist the influence and came out bright and cheerful after several days of sulks. The teachers of each room, except in the primary rooms, were careful to let the pupils do the decorating and the parents and friends that visited today saw what their children could do, in some cases much to the parents' surprise. It would be time well spent if parents would visit oftener.

H. Appleton, Pearl Thipkin, Anna Maples, Jack Goss, Edna Farr, Hazel Breen, Gertrude Murray, James Regan, Anita Gonzales, Helen Sampson, Donald Darrow, Ernest Hammond, Clairmont Bell and Lillian Baker furnished the program, consisting of songs and recitations that was given in the little frame building on Edith street under the direction of Miss Flora Hartman.

At Central school the two literary clubs of the high school united and gave a most interesting program. There is enough material in either society to produce a good program and when both unite the one and one-half hours allotted is far too short.

There were many acts today in the high school that suggested Christmas but the prettiest of these was the thoughtfulness of the students in remembering their pianist, Miss Rose Hunterling, with portfolio of the Gibson drawings. It is the custom of the eighth grades to entertain, by turns, the grade across the hall. Today both grades met in Miss Coltrane's room and her pupils covered themselves



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with glory. On account of the necessary absence of their teacher last week many were the fears that their decoration and program would not be what it should be, but this afternoon proved that a teacher need not be present to direct such wide awake boys and girls as met in the southwest room at Central school. They have every reason to feel that their program was a success. Their decoration was excellent and the program all that could be desired.

The seventh grades also met alternately for the rhetorical exercises and today they met with Miss King. The music dealers, Hall & Learnard, very graciously loaned them a piano for their exercises which made it possible for them to have some extra members. Their program consisted of piano solos, duets and trios, vocal solos, duets and songs, recitations and pantomimes.

At the close, Miss King announced as a Christmas treat that Miss Irving and Miss Naylor would entertain the schools with a vocal and piano solo.

**First Ward.**  
The first ward exercises were greatly appreciated by many visitors. The decorations in this ward showed the story in picture of the Christ child, the star of Bethlehem, etc. The programs were well rendered.

**Second Ward.**  
The rooms at the Second ward were nicely decorated and quite lengthy and interesting programs were rendered. Every pupil participated in some exercise. The programs are too long to give in full.

**Third Ward.**  
The teachers of the Third ward school building, Principal Preston, Misses Anna Thomas, Ida Elder, Katherine Wilson, Mabel Hunt and Matta Tway, are holding their Christmas exercises in their separate rooms this afternoon. Quite a few patrons of the school are present. Christmas recitations and songs predominate in the programs.

**Fourth Ward.**